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SENATOR MARVEL: Well I don't think it will do you any good to amend this bill because all you can get in this bill, unless you want to change it to a general fund appropriation, is cash. That isn't going to solve the problem you're talking about.

SENATOR DUIS: Well I'm a little bit of a loss then because other cash fund agencies don't have separate bill with them, they're in the budget bill. These are separate bills, is that it?

SENATOR MARVEL: All this bill does is to create, at the request of the Nebraska Library Commission, a cash fund. Now the difficulty involved in cash funds is that the Attorney General has sent to DAS an opinion that you cannot spend more money than is appropriated in a cash fund. There are some exceptions, but this would not be one of the exceptions. Therefore, all this bill does, in effect, is to create the cash fund.

SENATOR DUIS: Well now . . .

SENATOR MARVEL: And that will, excuse me.

SENATOR DUIS: Now I come around to my final question.

SENATOR MARVEL: OK.

SENATOR DUIS: Where do you get the money for the cash fund? You're getting it from the general fund, so why is it a cash fund?

SENATOR MARVEL: No. No, I'm sorry. This money will come as a result of activity from the Library Commission largely in the area of the rental of films. So in other words they do business, the clientell rents the films, that money will be put in the cash fund.

SENATOR DUIS: Well then what do you need with an appropriation? I fail to find the connection is my problem. We're asking for an appropriation, apparently, in the fiscal note of so many dollars, but it's going to come from a cash fund. What I'm trying to get at is you don't need the fiscal note. You're not doing a thing.

SENATOR MARVEL: I think . . . I think . . . I think you're right as far as the estimate of the fiscal note is concerned. You're correct there. You need the bill to create the fund.

SENATOR DUIS: That's fine and I'm perfectly willing for this but I don't like to leave the general public that's watching this in the opinion that this bill is going to put any money anyplace.